

Torrance, California.  
October 11th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, October 11th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion.

Mayor Klusman called attention to the portion of the minutes with reference to the audit and requested a more detailed account of the report be written into the minutes.

Councilman Ludlow withdrew his motion and Councilman Conner his second.

Councilman Ludlow then moved we incorporate in these minutes some of the charges our Mayor made that night as to the record of the audit and the minutes be accepted as amended. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a copy of a communication addressed to Mr. F. P. Lannon, Jr. which had been forwarded to Engineer Leonard, with reference to gases generated from the Pacific Smelting Company. After some discussion Councilman Wright moved the letter be laid on the table. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett stated we have an estimate for installing posts on which streets were to be numbered, but as more estimates were expected, suggested reading be deferred. Councilman Ludlow moved the estimate be laid on the table until next meeting. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had a petition which was filed in his office this afternoon, protesting against the permission granted the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company to make use of lots on Madrid Avenue, near Carson Street, for the storage of pipes and equipment. After considerable discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved to notify Water Company not to store any more pipe on lots. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication under date of October 4, 1932, was read signed by citizens of Torrance representing the Citizens' League protesting against the attack on the Mayor made by the Veterans' Relief Association. Councilman Wright moved this communication be laid on the table. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated he believed Mr. Beach's deputization should be revoked. Councilman Conner requested the Police Commission to take this matter up.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had an application for a permit to erect a sign on the building at 1273 Sartori Avenue. Engineer Leonard said that permission is requested to extend the sign one ft. more than the Ordinance permits. Councilman Ludlow moved the clerk be instructed to write to them that the Council would like them to stay within the Ordinance at this time. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read addressed to W. T. Klusman from Sam Levy demanding the auditors correct their report. Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to the Finance Committee, an investigation be made to see whether it is to be corrected or not. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner reported with reference to the convention of International Association of Fire Chiefs, he had not taken the matter up with the Fire Chief. No action.

The communication from Monterey Park regarding allocation of Gasoline Tax was ordered laid on the table.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the Ball Park fence has been removed and is satisfactory to all concerned. He further reported that the complaint from a property owner with reference to drainage across boulevard, has also been taken care of. The digging for the dry well at Narbonne and Palm Avenues has been finished but as yet the top has not been completed. In regard to our unemployed, there have been several complaints brought up about the registration. Some have gone away and many should not be on the list. There will be a re-registration by the Police Department and on a form similar to the Los Angeles County form.

Engineer Leonard stated that the grandstand at the Ball Park should be taken care of.

Mayor Klusman asked what had become of the lamps at the Park and was informed that the lamps are the city's property and stored down in the City Yard.

Attorney Jensen called attention to the contract to be entered into by the General Electric Company and also the contract with Mr. Scott of the Torrance Electric Shop for servicing street lights. Councilman Ludlow moved these contracts be executed as requested. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 544

A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
P.G. BENNETT APPOINTING SAID P.G. BENNETT  
POUND MASTER.

Councilman Wright moved that Resolution No. 544 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 545

A RESOLUTION THAT STOP SIGNS BE PLACED ON  
MARCELINA AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH  
SARTORI AVENUE; THAT APPROPRIATE SIGNS BE  
PLACED ALONG BORDER AVENUE AND 213TH. STREET.

Councilman Wright moved that Resolution No. 545 be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

✓ Councilman Ludlow reported on quarterly audit estimates and as the estimate of C.J. Rambo & Company was lowest moved we accept estimate of C.J. Rambo & Company for a quarterly audit for the year. Councilman Hitchcock, seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow reported we have come within 2% of staying within our budget, that the slight increase was due to insurance and repairs on trucks.

Councilman Ludlow asked regarding the city school bus situation. Clerk Bartlett stated he had investigated and found there were two busses running instead of three, that service had been cut out west of Madrid and South of Sepulveda Boulevard, that a privately owned jitney bus, was serving some of the territory. He recommended a committee be appointed to call on the Board of Education to try to get the third bus in service again.

Mayor Klusman stated there is nothing of record to show what we are to receive from the Metropolitan Water District and believed the Mayor should be appointed as director on the Metropolitan Water Board. After some discussion the matter was referred to the next meeting.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. This brought up the subject of a bill from the Edison Company for lights at the Ball Park, and after some discussion the bill was referred to the auditor. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Conner left at 9:35 P.M.

Mr. Wm. Francis Ireland representing Wholesale Bakers Association inquired with reference to City License and stated it was not legal to charge an outside bakery more than the local bakery. This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Councilman Wright left at 9:40 P.M.

Judge Rippy presented a petition requesting the City appropriate \$1000.00 for relief supplies, etc. As there seemed to be some question as to legality of such appropriation, this matter was taken under advisement.

Oral communications:  
None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

[Signature]  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.